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INVENTION: **CLEANSING PROCESSING AGENT, CLEANSING METHOD EMPLOYING
THE AGENT AND A MOLDED STRUCTURAL MEMBER**

AMENDMENT A

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The non-final Office Action dated September 19, 2000 has been received and duly noted. In response thereto, Applicant states as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (once amended) A cleansing method comprising:
[bringing] providing a cleansing processing agent, said cleansing processing agent
comprising [containing] a polymer having acrylonitrile and at least one of styrene and
conjugate diene as constituent unit and into which are introduced [ionic] hydrophillic groups
by adding an acid or an alkali to the polymer [into contact with a material to be processed];
bringing the cleansing processing agent into contact with a material to be cleansed;
and adsorbing substances contained in said material.

Please add the following new claims:

20. The cleansing method according to claim 10 wherein said polymer comprises 5 to
80% of an acrylonitrile unit.